



## Dr. George J. Baibak

September 16, 1929 - July 24, 2025

Dr. George J. Baibak Sr., a plastic and reconstructive surgeon whose life was marked by medical innovation, philanthropy, and a deep devotion to his family, passed away peacefully at the age of 95 on Thursday, July 25, 2025. Born on September 16, 1929, in Hudson, Michigan, George leaves behind a lasting legacy of dedication to the art and science of surgery, as well as a life well-lived, full of love, humor, and generosity.

George was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Patricia St. Arnaud. He is survived by children: Dr. Larry Baibak, Cathy Martin, George Baibak Jr., and Mary Pat Goodman (David Taylor); grandchildren Brandon Baibak, Michael Martin, Leslie (Josh) Simpson, Annie (Dan) Johnson, Julie (Chris) Baibak, Larry (Rebecca) Baibak, Erin Goodman, Kelsey (Tom) Erickson, Haley (Henry) Thomas; great grandchildren Blake, Easton, Cassie, Ellie, Alice, Mischka, Kazys, Patty, Helen, Paul, Sophia, Shayne, Luther, and Dale. Known for his sharp wit and unique sense of humor, he was a constant source of laughter and wisdom to his family, friends, and colleagues. His kindness and humor were hallmarks of his personality and made him an adored figure in every circle he entered.

George graduated from Medical School at the University of Michigan and was a proud wolverine for the remainder of his life. George's contributions to plastic and reconstructive surgery were immeasurable. He and his partners led an AMA-accredited plastics residency program, shaping and mentoring countless future surgeons who have gone on to impact the world in their own

ways. George served as Chief of Staff at St. Vincent's Hospital. He was also instrumental in creating the first burn unit of its kind in Northwest Ohio at St. Vincent Hospital. He served on numerous committees and boards including President of the Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas County and President of Foundation for Life. He also served in the U.S. Air Force, where he earned distinction and honor for his work.

His philanthropic efforts touched the lives of many, and he was known for his generous support of causes close to his heart. He was a proud member of the founding team of Mom's House, a vital resource for the community. His support for Mom's House throughout the years has helped it to grow, enabling the creation of a second location in Toledo. George was granted the distinction of an honorary Grey Nun in recognition of his compassionate and far-reaching contributions to the community.

Outside of his professional accomplishments, George was a man of many talents and passions. A resident of Ottawa Hills, Ohio, he enjoyed a rich variety of hobbies, from glass blowing and collector car restoration to bonsai and woodworking. Each of these pursuits reflected his precision, creativity, and attention to detail-qualities that served him well in both his career and personal life. An avid traveler, he sought to explore the world, embracing new cultures and experiences along the way.

George's life was a testament to excellence, generosity, and unwavering devotion to both his craft and his loved ones. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Visitation will be at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Road on Friday, August 1 from 2-7 P.M. with a Scripture service at 6:30. Visitation will also be at Gesu Church, 2049 Parkside Blvd. at 12 P.M. on August 2, with the Funeral Mass at 1 P.M. Private interment to follow the services at Calvary Cemetery. Donations can be made to Mom's House of Toledo. Please leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Vigil

AUG 1. 6:30 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Visitation

AUG 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Gesu Church  
2049 Parkside Blvd  
Toledo, OH 43607

## Funeral Mass

AUG 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gesu Church  
2049 Parkside Blvd  
Toledo, OH 43607

# Tribute Wall



“ To Larry and Family, my deepest condolences on the recent loss of your father and grandfather. He was a great teacher and devoted to his family. The world is a little smaller now with his passing.  
*Bethanne Snodgrass, MD*

**Bethanne Snodgrass** - September 15, 2025 at 08:22 AM



“ Carol and family: So sad to hear about your loss. When I was a patient at St. Vincents, Dr. Baibak met me at the nurses' station and firmly told me " Now don't over do it!" He accepted everyone as family. Prayers to all throughout these days.  
*Leslie (and Larry) Hill*

**Leslie Hill** - July 30, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ Our sympathy to the Baibak family. We were so fortunate to cross paths because of Mom's House. Your folks were so involved and supportive of the entire mission. Bob & Nancy Nudo

**Nancy & Bob Nudo** - July 30, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Baibak Family as you mourn the loss of your beloved father. Sincerely,  
*Beth & Carl Janke*



**Beth Janke** - July 30, 2025 at 07:27 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - July 30, 2025 at 04:15 PM

BG

“ *Dr Baibak was an exceptional doctor. He performed reconstructive surgery on my husband after he suffered a severe crush injury to his hand. We learned what a pedicle was! We were so thankful for his kindness and care. He made all the difference in the world. He was gifted. May he rest in peace.*

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**B Greely** - July 29, 2025 at 05:12 PM

MD

“ *Marja D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. George J. Baibak.*

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**Marja D.** - July 29, 2025 at 06:40 AM

MD

“ *Marja D. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. George J. Baibak.*



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**Marja D.** - July 29, 2025 at 06:40 AM

MD

“ Dr. Baibak was one of the reasons my husband John J Dooner, MD, and I moved to Toledo 1986. We both interviewed with Dr Baibak, he was then Chief of Staff at St. Vincent Medical Center. Dr. Baibak was kind, generous with his time, and spoke so well about St. Vincent and Toledo. After 39 years from that visit Dr. Baibak was correct. Toledo became our "for ever home"  
Thank YOU, Dr. Baibak for all your kindness through out the years, as Surgeon working with John and as Surgeon caring for Burn Unit patients at St. V's when I was Head Nurse in the Burn Unit.  
Rest in Peace, after life well lived  
With deep gratitude

Marja Dooner

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Marja Dooner - July 29, 2025 at 06:36 AM

DB

“ Condolences to the Baibak family on your loss from the Binkley family. He was so much more than a great surgeon. I will always cherish the times spent in his OR.

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Dave Binkley - July 27, 2025 at 07:52 PM

MF

“ You have my sympathy. Dr. Baibak was a kind sympathetic Dr. He was also so pleasant and cheerful!

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Marilyn Facer - July 27, 2025 at 03:11 PM

GP

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Baibak family. I owe Dr. Baibak a deep debt of gratitude. His young talent and early expertise in the mid 1960's corrected a congenital defect thru multiple surgeries and allowed me to enjoy wonderful family of my own. I last saw him in 1978 but have often thought of him fondly. During your loss I hope you lift each other up as he has done for me. Thank you Dr. Baibak.

Grateful former patient - July 27, 2025 at 12:06 PM

DG

“ I will miss all your stories and cutting your hair we sure had some good laughs. George was a great man, very caring person. I will always cherish the hand held clippers that you gave me. 🙏❤️

Debi Grabowski - July 26, 2025 at 08:25 PM

ML

“ Missy lishewski purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. George J. Baibak.



Missy lishewski - July 26, 2025 at 04:20 PM

ML

“ May you rest in forever peace now George. I have so many fond memories of you that I will cherish. You were a great man in every aspect of your life. It showed in your deep faith. Rest easy now.  
Missy lishewski

missy lishewski - July 26, 2025 at 04:17 PM